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Utah Taxpayers Association presents Award to Commissioner Hendrickson

Former Sevier County Assessor Pam Hendrickson received the "Excellence in Public Service" award from the Utah Taxpayers Association earlier this month.

Hendrickson, who has served as a Utah State Tax Commissioner for the past 12 years, was presented the award at the Taxpayers Association annual conference on May 8. She has served as Commission chair since 2000.

"Pam Hendrickson has been a Tax Commission Chair who has reached out to the various government entities and private sector interest groups to ensure that all parties are fully informed and allowed to be heard," said State Sen, Howard Stephenson, who also serves as president of the Utah Taxpayers Association.

He added, "She has worked hard to ensure that the Commission and its staff are professional and fair in the handling of the tax administration of the State of Utah. The Taxpayers of Utah owe Pam Hendrickson a debt of gratitude for establishing a tradition of fairness and inclusiveness which hopefully, will last long after her retirement."

"I appreciate the role the Utah Taxpayers Association plays in serving the public," Commissioner Hendrickson said. "They are always articulate in clearly stating their tax policy positions."

Commissioner Hendrickson intends to retire this summer at the end of her third term. She was originally appointed by Gov. Michael Leavitt in 1997.

The Tax Commission hears and rules on state tax appeals and administers Utah tax laws. The Commissioners hire an executive director that oversees fair administration of state tax and assigned motor vehicle laws.

The Utah Taxpayers Association, with a membership of over 2,500 businesses and individuals, is recognized as the state's independent authority on state and local tax policy.

"When Pam leaves, she will create a void virtually impossible to fill," said Charlie Roberts, Tax Commission spokesman. "She is a tireless worker who is recognized as an expert in her field both here in Utah and throughout the nation."

